



Response & Amendment  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

SIR:

In response to the Office Action of October 29, 2004, Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time extending the period of response up to and including February 29, 2004. Applicants submit the following amendments for entry and respectfully request reconsideration of the present application.

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